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## BUSINESS IN THE SOUTH FRIGID MARKET COURT

New Enterprises Which It is Expected Will Bring Added Prosperity to Various Southern Cities.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Many important industrial announcements of new and enlarging Southern developmental enterprises are included in the reports of the Manufacturers Record, just out. They are all detailed and the essential features of the principal enterprises may be briefly summarized as follows:

Contract to construct 12 steel Government ships costing \$20,000,000 has been obtained by the American Shipbuilding Corporation, Alexandria, Va., recently chartered with a capitalization of \$10,000,000. This company has purchased a 30-acre plant site with frontage on Potomac River, and will build a plant for constructing steel ships, with 3,500 men employed. Washington (D. C.) bankers and New York steamship operators control the management of this enterprise.

A \$2,000,000 repair shop unit to care for eight or ten army camps in the Southeastern States will be built at Atlanta, Ga., by the War Department. Each unit will require a 50-acre site, with probable accessibility to rail and electric power facilities, water-works and sewer system. The shop building will be one story high and 700 feet long by 700 feet wide, with 11 acres concrete floor space, with railroad sidings on three sides. Probably El Paso and Baltimore will be selected for site by two other shops.

An investment of several million dollars for building a plant to manufacture powder near Nashville, Tenn., is reported planned by E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, Del., who have purchased 2,500 acres of land on the Cumberland River. Rumors state that this plant is one to be established under Government supervision, a \$90,000,000 investment being contemplated.

From \$800,000 to \$900,000 will be the cost of the hydro-electric plant which the Blue Ridge Power Co., of Spartanburg, S. C., is building at Tuxedo, N. C. Contract for the \$100,000 dam (300 feet long by 125 feet high) having been awarded last May and construction being now in progress. This water-power electrical development will generate from 8,000 to 10,000 horse-power for distribution over the 40-mile transmission system to furnish electricity for Spartanburg, Inman, Campobello and Landrum, in South Carolina, and Tryon and Saluda, in North Carolina.

Tractors will be built by the American Tractor Corporation, Richmond, Va., chartered with \$1,000,000 capital by Richmond investors.

An increase of capitalization from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000 has been decided upon by the Roanoke Mills Roanoke Rapids, N. C., manufacturer of cotton cloth.

West Virginia coal will be mined by the Davis Collieries Co., Glenville, W. Va., incorporated with \$500,000 capital by West Virginia and Washington (D. C.) capitalists.

An increase of capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000 has been announced by the United Woolen Mills, Parkersburg, W. Va., manufacturer of woolen cloth and men's clothing.

Kentucky coal land will be developed by the West Virginia and Kentucky Coal Co., Huntington, W. Va., incorporated with a capital of \$150,000 by Huntington investors.

West Virginia coal will be mined by the Pittsmead Coal Co., Connellsville, Pa., incorporated with \$100,000 capital by Connellsville investors.

Boxes will be manufactured by the Mid-West Box Co., Fairmont, W. Va., incorporated with \$150,000 capital by Illinois and Ohio investors.

West Virginia coal will be mined by the Cabin Creek Block Coal Co., Ronda, W. Va., incorporated with \$100,000 capital.

Lumber will be manufactured by the Richmond Lumber Co., Charlotte, N. C., incorporated with \$100,000 capital.

West Virginia Coal land will be developed by the Beard Smokeless Coal Co., Pemberton, W. Va., incorporated with \$100,000 capital by West Virginia investors.

West Virginia coal will be mined by the Underwood Peachontas Coal Co., W. Va., incorporated with

Cold Weather Keeps Country People At Home—Only a Corporal's Guard of Buyers and Sellers Present.

Scenes in the market court at an early hour this morning were suggestive of Kamchatka. At eight o'clock two country people were watching small mounds of produce, stamping their feet while awaiting buyers. An hour later the number had increased to half a dozen, all of whom had to "keep going" to escape freezing. Fish hucksters had but little to offer in consequence of the ice in the river and the difficulty in procuring specimens of the finny tribe. The vendors kept in their booths, hugging stoves and at times peering out small windows in hopes of deserving customers.

Prospective customers however, were not in evidence in the outer court, and hucksters and butchers within the market house proper had things their own way.

The high prices of everything which have prevailed for months showed no variation or shadow of turning. The offerings of poultry were small at former quotations. Eggs and butter were also unchanged in prices.

A law forbidding the forestalling of the market was in vogue up to about 50 years ago. Under this statute no huckster was allowed to buy in bulk produce brought to the city during market hours. This was destined to force people to attend the city market. The ordinance repealing this law was introduced by the late David Turner, who was a member of the Common Council from the Second ward shortly after the civil war. The repealing of the law allowed storekeepers to sell vegetables and other produce during market hours. Since which time housekeepers have been able to procure virtually all they want from green grocers. Most of them will do so today. Some persons have always questioned the advisability of repealing the law forbidding the forestalling of the market, as they believe present conditions have much to do with maintaining prices for most of the necessities of life.

### WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

Crazed by Death of Her Husband, She Ends Life by Freezing.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Emily S. Meeth, who had become demented over the recent death of her husband, was found dead from exposure in a pond on her place on the Old Frederick road, Catonsville. She was clad only in her night clothes. Coroner Pakendorf gave a certificate of death from exposure.

Mrs. Meeth's husband, Charles Meeth, died last August at the University Hospital following an operation for peritonitis and appendicitis, and since then she had acted strangely. Thursday night, after putting her children to bed, she donned her night clothes and quietly left the house.

Her disappearance was discovered yesterday morning and the Catonsville police were notified. Sergeant Poehlmann and Patrolman Stevens went to the Meeth home and found the body in the pond. She had broken the ice and was standing lifeless in water up to her waist.

### McAdoo Will Cut Salaries.

Director General McAdoo, of the United States railroad, plans to slash millions of uselessly spent dollars from the payroll of that line. This is part of the general economy program which he will eventually put into effect. Every atom of extra gilding on the railroad dollar sign will be chipped off.

Fabulous railroad presidents' salaries will come tumbling down or disappear altogether; millions paid to elaborate staffs of freight solicitors will be lopped off; expensive passenger traffic departments will be done away with, and duplication of expensive administrative forces at great terminals will be stopped.

\$100,000 capital by West Virginia capitalists.

An initial daily capacity of 200 cords of pulpwood is proposed by the Dare Lumber Co., New York, for a plant it will build at Elizabeth City, N. C., where it has an estimated supply of more than 6,000,000 cords of pulpwood in Dare county.

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. Henry Poyer, and daughter, Mrs. Wyatt, of Montreal, Canada, are guests of Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, at her home on Duke street.

Mr. Robert Wright of 517 Queen street, left last night for Anniston, Alabama, to visit his brother-in-law, Mr. Jack Roberts.

Miss Maria Augusta Williams, a student at the Visitation Academy, Frederick, Maryland, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, on King street.

The Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison will take as the subject of his sermon at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, "The Son of God at War." At the evening service he will speak on "Permanent Things That Abide." The Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society will meet at the usual hours.

Miss Eugenie De Land and Mr. Olaf Saugstad, both art teachers at the McKinley Manual Training School, were married at noon Wednesday, December 26th, in the Old Christ church, Alexandria, Va., by the Rev. Dr. Morton. Miss De Land is the eldest daughter of the late Theodore L. De Land of the United States Treasury Department, and is well known among the artists of the country. Her "sun set" poster for the Liberty Loan campaign has brought her international reputation as a woman "doing her bit" for her country. Mr. Saugstad is the son of the late Rev. Saugstad, of Minnesota. Both Mr. and Mrs. Saugstad are notable artists, and they have built a studio home at Areturus, Va., near Mt. Vernon, where they will be at home to their friends on Sunday afternoons.

"The Gazette" is requested to again call attention to the union services which are to be held during the evening of next week in this city, in which it is expected that the congregation of the protestant churches—Methodist Episcopal Church South, Trinity Methodist, Methodist Protestant, Christ Episcopal, St. Paul's Episcopal, Grace Episcopal, First Baptist, Second Baptist, and the Second Presbyterian—will attend. On Monday night the services will be held at the Methodist Church South. Rev. William J. Morton being the leader; on Tuesday night at the First Baptist church, Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, leader; Wednesday night at the Second Presbyterian church, Rev. E. V. Regester, leader; Thursday night at the Methodist Protestant church, Rev. A. E. Spielmann, leader; Friday night at Christ Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, leader.

### FIREMAN KILLED.

Rear Wheel of Apparatus Runs Over Him Last Night.

The first fireman to meet death in the line of duty on the District force for nearly four years, Simon F. Polohan, 34, a member of No. 2 Truck Company, lies dead at his home, 2027 H street northwest, Washington, today. His end came at Emergency Hospital last night after a rear wheel of the apparatus, responding to an alarm, passed over his chest.

Holohan's ambition since a youth was to be a fire-fighter, but his chance came only twenty days ago, when he was appointed to the truck company.

Last night, charging to an alarm at Eighteenth and S streets northwest, the big truck threw Holohan from the right running board at New Hampshire avenue and Ward place and rolled over him. His ribs were crushed and he died at Emergency hospital before his wife could reach his bedside.

After his fatal run, there was no work for No. 2; the alarm was false.

Two thousand five hundred Bolshevik troops at Harbin surrendered to the Chinese forces last Wednesday following 2 hours of violent street fighting. The Chinese demanded the withdrawal of two battalions of Bolshevik troops. The Bolshevik leaders consented but the troops refused and opened fire. After the street battle the Chinese took charge of the Russian munitions and barracks.

Master Courtney Sullivan of North Columbus street, has as his guest Master Patrick Hartigan of Washington.

Captain and Mrs. V. A. Payne and little grandson, Master Elmore Mudd, are on a visit to relatives in Charlottesville and Keswick, Va.

Members of Robert E. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans will hold a meeting Monday night to arrange for their annual observance of General Lee's Birthday, January 19th.

Judge Norton, chairman of the local committee for the Y. M. C. A. War Fund, today acknowledges the receipt of \$2.50 from Miss Coralie Greenaway to be added to those already published.

In the Circuit Court in vacation today Mary E. Rogers qualified as administratrix of Horace Page's estate; Bruce J. Downey was appointed administrator of the estate of Rose E. Downey, and Louisa Holland was appointed administratrix of the estate of John R. Holland.

Prof. Charles Patterson, of Washington, is announced to speak at the Elks' auditorium tomorrow evening at 7:30 on "The End of Turkey and Downfall of Kaiserism." Mr. J. A. Chesnut, a prominent singing evangelist, will have charge of the music. The subject of the address is certainly an interesting one at the present time. Seat will be free.

"Reflections" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Raymond W. White at the Methodist Protestant church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. His topic in the evening will be "Investments for the Coming Year." The public is cordially invited to attend both services. The meeting at that church on Thursday evening next will be conducted by the Rev. A. E. Spielmann.

The arrival of ten carloads of coal during the past week has relieved the coal situation very materially so far as shortage of coal is concerned in Alexandria. At a meeting of the fuel commissioners of the city held yesterday, it was decided to ask all dealers in the city and county to present a statement to the board showing what their requirements for coal will be for the months of January, February and March. Upon receipt of same it will be submitted to the State Fuel Administrator, H. F. Byrd, with the request that sufficient supplies be obtained to avoid further difficulty, if possible. George B. Warfield, chairman of the local board, presided at the meeting, and the other members present were Albert Bryan of Alexandria, and D. N. Rast of Alexandria county.

### NOT MADE IN GERMANY.

C. C. Smoot and Sons' Co., Sent Out Useful Souvenirs.

Several years ago, or before the United States was forced to declare war on the Kaiser, C. C. Smoot and Sons' Co., who have conducted their business in Alexandria for many years, sent out to their customers and friends souvenir in the shape of useful penknives. They were made in Germany. This year this firm has repeated the courtesy and sent fine pocketknives to numbers of their friends and customers. The knives presented this year, however, were manufactured in New York, not in Germany, and are of as fine make as those from the land of the Kaiser. America will have no use for German cutlery or anything else from the Fatherland after this war shall have been brought to a close.

At the Richmond Tonight. In "The Heart of a Lion," at the Richmond tonight, which is founded on Ralph Connor's widely read novel, "The Doctor," Mr. Farnum plays the role of Barney Kemper, a farmer who is disappointed in love and seeks the solace of the great forests. There he meets his brother, who had once sinned against him. He meets also a rough forester who is doing his level best to see that Barney's brother is put out of the way.

The conflict between these three men, with two women embroiled in its complications, makes one of the fastest-moving pictures ever shown in this city.

Mrs. R. L. King and two daughters of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. Harvey Baker, in Queen street.

There was but one case on the docket of the Police Court this morning. A white man had been arrested for disorderly conduct. He failed to appear and forfeited his collateral.

Among those named to assist registrars in answering questionnaires on Monday next are: T. W. Robinson, Samuel G. Brent, W. U. Varney, John C. Graham, G. W. Lewis, Judge Louis C. Bailey and Samuel W. Pitts.

The Alexandria acquaintances of Mr. L. Whiting Estes, of Washington, will be pleased to learn that he was again named as Potentate of Almas Temple at the annual election held in the new Masonic Temple in that city last night.

"Untried Paths" will be the theme of the Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson's discourse at the morning service at 11 o'clock tomorrow at the First Baptist church. His subject in the evening will be "An Old Testament Prophecy of Salvation by the Cross."

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Second Presbyterian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at 7:15 Sunday evening. The meeting will be led by the President of the society, Mr. Courtland H. Davis, and an unusual and very interesting program is expected.

A pretty holiday hop was given Thursday evening in the Elks' auditorium under the auspices of the Alexandria club of the University of Virginia. Chaperoning the party were Mr. and Mrs. John M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, and Mesdames William J. Boothe, Thomas W. Robinson, William J. Morton, and Robert S. Barrett. Among those dancing were Miss Lucy Kinsolving, of Baltimore, with Clarence Robinson, Miss Elsie Brown, of Washington, with Edwin Pierce, Miss Helen Marr Hudson, of Mexico City, Mex., with "Upper Barrett," Miss Fortuna Kirkpatrick, of Washington, with Clinton Smoot, Miss Charlotte Kemper, with Gardner Boothe, Miss Sarah Kemper, with Johnson McGuire, Miss Elizabeth Boothe, with Albert Bryan, Miss Eilda Schneider with Charles Carlin, Miss Marie Gasson with Bruce Morton, Miss Mary Hunt Roberts with "Jameron Roberts," Miss Julia Hopkin with Chester Pierce, Miss Elizabeth Bryant with William Morton, Miss Frances Smoot with Allica Roberts, Miss Collins Jones with Walter Barrett, Miss Cora Pullman with Ashby Warfield and Messrs. Lawrence Fawcett, Archie Randolph, Alvin Lindsey, and Alexander Donahue.

### OF INTEREST TO SPORTSMEN.

Maryland Plans Drastic Hunting and Fishing Laws.

Washington sportsmen who swim the upper Potomac river as far as Williamsport to fish for black bass during the season, will have to pay in extra tax to indulge in the sport if the coming session of the Maryland Legislature passes proposed drastic fish and game laws.

As contemplated the new law will fix a flat license fee of \$1 for each day's hunting and fishing.

While the tax is designed primarily to protect the game and food fishes of the States, it is expected to bring in sufficient funds to establish and maintain an efficient game warden system.

The law in general will be patterned after the stringent laws of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, though the license fees will probably not be so high.

Under the present Maryland system it is admitted that all sorts of violations of the game and fish laws go unpunished.

Special attention will be given under the new law to abolish traps and fish pots and to stop the practice of spearing bass for the market.

The Rev. Dr. A. L. Andrews, pastor of the First Methodist church of Fort Worth, Texas, his wife and son William were killed instantly late yesterday when an automobile in which they were going to Fort Worth crashed into the Sunshine special on the Missouri Pacific Railroad at a crossing near Dalworth.

## A VERITABLE BLIZZARD THIS MORNING'S FIRE

Frigid Conditions Follow the Mild Temperatures of Yesterday by Another Visit of the Frost King.

The temperature during the most part of yesterday was mild—that is for the month of December. The afternoon papers announced that a cold wave was in transit, however, and it arrived on schedule time.

Late yesterday afternoon the wind had changed from the southeast to the northwest, and before the close of the day it was realized that the mercury in the thermometer was falling. Early in the night the wind began to moan dismally, at times gaining force, sending forth chilling blasts, while the heavens portended snow. Early risers today found the ground again mantled in white, the frigid wind cutting like a knife and the mercury down as low as four in one place.

During the early fall "weather prophets" told us we were to have a mild winter. They made this forecast from the movements of squirrels, which they alleged were not storing as much food as formerly for the coming winter. Others based their predictions on goose bones, etc.

Notwithstanding the forecasts, albedo to winter set in earlier than usual. According to the almanac the season begins December 21, but it was ahead of time this year.

The river is still full of ice, although it is running and is kept on the move by the Norfolk and Baltimore steamers which pass up and down daily. Sailing vessels have been tied up for some time, or since the first freeze, several weeks ago. The flats and creeks are covered with ice, which has caused a scarcity of fish and oysters.

### WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

Campaign to Interest Alexandria in Buying Them Next Week, and Thereby Helping Uncle Sam.

Should you be requested to buy a War Savings Stamp next week don't be surprised. If you do buy them it does not mean that you will be giving away any of your money, as you will simply be putting it out at interest with Uncle Sam.

What They Are. In offering "War Savings Stamps" to the public the United States Government has made immediately available for every man, woman and child in the Country a profitable, simple and secure investment.

War Savings Stamps are the answer of a great democracy to the demand for a democratic form of government security. They are "little baby bonds." Like Liberty bonds, they have behind them the entire resources of the Government and people of the United States. They have the additional advantage that they steadily increase in value from the date of purchase until the date of maturity, and this increase is guaranteed by the Government. These stamps are issued in two denominations, the 25-cent stamp and 55 stamp.

For the convenience of investors a "Thrifty Card" is furnished to all purchasers of 25-cent stamps. This card has spaces for 16 stamps. When all the spaces have been filled the Thrifty Card may be exchanged for a \$5 stamp at post offices, banks, or other authorized agencies by adding 12 cents in cash prior to February 1, 1919, and 1 cent additional each month thereafter.

Those who prefer may buy a \$5 stamp outright. These will be on sale from December 3, 1917, until January 31, 1918, for \$4.12. They automatically increase in value a cent a month every month thereafter until January 1, 1923, when the United States will pay \$5 at any office or at the Treasury in Washington for each stamp affixed to a War-Savings Certificate.

If the holder of a War Savings Certificate finds it necessary to realize cash on it before maturity, he may at any time after January 2, 1918, upon giving 10 days' written notice to any money order post office, receive for each stamp affixed to his certificate the amount paid therefor plus 1 cent for each calendar month after the month of purchase of each stamp. A registered certificate may be redeemed, however, only at the post office where registered.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bays and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

Dwelling House Destroyed on Duke Street at Two O'clock—Family has Narrow Escape.

Fire totally destroyed the two-story, frame dwelling house at 1709 Duke street this morning at two o'clock, occupied by the family of Allen U. Shanks and owned by the Emerson Pump and Valve Company. Mr. Shanks says that when the fire was discovered blazing pieces were falling down on the baby's crib. The child was quickly taken up, and he, with his wife and two other children, got out of the house as soon as possible. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save scarcely anything. The family was taken in and cared for by the neighbors.

The building is a total loss, estimated at \$800, with no insurance. The loss on the furniture and other contents is placed at \$925, on which there was an insurance policy for \$400. There was practically nothing saved from the house. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

### Firemen Have Hard Fight.

Motor Engine No. 6 and Truck No. 1 were the first to arrive on the ground after the alarm was given. For some reason it was impossible for the men to get the fire plug open at the first hydrant and they were compelled to go to a second one which caused some delay in getting streams turned on the flames. By this time the fire had gotten under such headway that a house across the street was seen to be ablaze and from appearances every home in the vicinity was threatened. Chief Ogden had a second alarm turned in, to which Bellows Engine Company No. 5 quickly responded and several of the men from the Columbia No. 4 arrived and gave efficient help, their apparatus being held at the house in reserve in case of other fires breaking out.

The extreme bitter winter weather caused the firemen to suffer severely and it was necessary for them to work in shifts and take turns in getting warm enough so they could continue their efforts. Much credit is due them for the excellent manner in which they held the fire in check, thereby preventing it from spreading to adjoining buildings.

### SUBMARINES ARE SUNK.

Four Captured by American Destroyers—One Surrendered, and Entered French Port With White Flag.

Reports were received in Washington today of the loss by the Germans of six more submarines. Four were captured by American destroyers, one surrendered, after the crew had mutilated and killed the commander, and one was sent to the bottom by the guns of an American liner.

News of the capture comes from a former Boston newspaper man, now in the American navy, who has just returned from a French port.

He declares that the four submarines were floating with decks awash, changing their storage batteries when they were surprised by twelve American destroyers and surrendered without a fight. They were taken to a French port, where the Americans received an ovation.

He also told of the entry into the harbor of a French port of a U-boat flying a white flag. The Germans explained that they had been lying in wait for the very transport upon which the American was a seaman. Their supplies ran low and the mate mutilated, killed their captain, and then decided to surrender to the French.

Don Martin, correspondent of the New York Herald, cables from London of the sinking of a submarine by an American steamship upon which he has just reached England. They had an eventful trip until almost the day when, just about noon, a submarine was suddenly sighted.

Efforts were made to clear the decks of passengers, for whose safety fear was felt in case the submarine shelled the liner, but most refused to go to their staterooms and stayed to watch the battle. The liner's first shot missed its mark, but the second raised a great cloud of water and the periscope disappeared.

Destroyers and a dirigible looked for the U-boat without result, and the ship continued its voyage, its gunners satisfied that they had sunk the submarine, or at least badly damaged it.